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A MARVEL EVENT

DEVIL'S REIGN

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THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA.
TWO WEEKS AGO.

MR. STROMWYN...
MS. STROMWYN...

...I APOLOGIZE FOR THE INTERRUPTION. BUT THE *POLITICAL FUTURES GROUP* IS CALLING IN AT SIX.

VERY GOOD, SILVIA. WE'LL BE IN SHORTLY.

I SUPPOSE WE'LL BE TALKING ABOUT THE UPCOMING ***NEW YORK*** ELECTION, BROTHER?

AMONG OTHER THINGS...

WHAT DO YOU THINK, UNA?

WE PUT MR. FISK IN THE MAYOR'S SEAT TO MAKE LIFE INTERESTING, AND HE CERTAINLY HAS DONE THAT.

HE MURDERED A FRIEND OF OURS, SCUTTLED OUR ***HELL'S KITCHEN*** PLANS...BUT...

QUINN, PLEASE. ***TYRONE*** WAS HARDLY A FRIEND.

BUT IT'S ***FUN,*** ISN'T IT? HIS ***UNPREDICTABILITY.*** LIKE A BULL IN A CHINA SHOP THAT WE KEEP SETTING BACK UP FOR HIM...

...BECAUSE WE OWN ALL THE CHINA IN THE WORLD.

SO, SHALL WE CROWN HIM AGAIN? KEEP THE GAME MOVING?

OR IS THERE A MORE ***INTERESTING*** GAME TO PLAY?

NEW YORK CITY.
ONE WEEK AGO.

How did it begin? My hatred of this man.

There are so many things to hate, really.

His piousness. His outdated sense of morality.

But the thing I always come back to...

FISK.

...is his *hypocrisy.*

He looks down on our *baser natures* as he grins in a *fistfight.*

He puts on airs of a *saint* tasked with succumbing to violence...

CORDONING OFF A STREET IN *HELL'S KITCHEN?*

YOU CLEARLY WANTED MY *ATTENTION.* SHOULDN'T YOU BE AT *HOME...*

...but he's truly *the devil.*

...WITH YOUR *NEW BRIDE?*

I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR WHATEVER THIS IS.

AND I DIDN'T BRING MY *READING GLASSES.*

THEN I'LL TELL YOU WHAT THAT IS, *DAREDEVIL.*

IT'S *NOTHING.*

BUT IT *SHOULD BE* SOMETHING.

IT'S A FOLDER FROM MY *PRIVATE SAFE,* WHICH I DIMLY REMEMBER PUTTING TOGETHER, REMEMBER *MAINTAINING...*

...LABELED *DAREDEVIL'S IDENTITY.*

AND THE PAGES INSIDE ARE EITHER *BLANK* OR *MEANINGLESS.*

LIKE A SICK JOKE. LIKE SOMEONE *SWITCHED* THEM OUT FROM MY MOST *SECURE AND SECRET* PLACE.

EXCEPT THEY *DIDN'T,* DID THEY?

DID THEY?

I CAN *FEEL* IT!

YOU! YOU *DID SOMETHING* TO MY *MIND!*

WHO ARE YOU?!

SORRY, WILSON.

BUT IT'S CALLED A *SECRET* IDENTITY.

You are the *devil.*

And I'll tear everything down to *destroy* you.

Because nobody knows you like I do. Nobody else knows your true *Achilles' heel:*

your *guilt.*

Years ago, teenager MATT MURDOCK was blinded after being exposed to radioactive waste. He lost his sight, but his remaining senses began to function with superhuman acuity and gifted him with an ability similar to echolocation. Dubbed his 'radar sense,' it grants him a unique perspective on the world as he tries to better it as the costumed vigilante called DAREDEVIL.

No foe has stood in the way of Murdock's pursuit of justice more than WILSON FISK — formerly the KINGPIN of a vast criminal empire that touched every corner of New York (and beyond), now the duly elected mayor of New York. Despite his best efforts, Fisk has failed to truly grow into his office and wash his hands of his old life — and the bloodshed it bore.

Now, after wedding TYPHOID MARY and retreating to upstate New York for their honeymoon, Fisk has discovered a secret that has made his blood boil…

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PART 1

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NOW.

NEW YORK CITY IS KNOWN FOR ITS RESILIENCE.

WE HAVE SUFFERED WAVE AFTER WAVE OF ATTACKS--OF DESTRUCTION--BROUGHT DOWN ON OUR GREAT CITY.

AND AT THE HEART OF ALMOST EVERY ONE OF THOSE...

...ARE "SUPER HEROES."

THE RAIN OF DARK ALIENS? I HAVE LEARNED THAT ***SPIDER-MAN*** ORIGINALLY INFECTED OUR PLANET WITH ONE OF THEM.

THE HORDES OF TROLLS AND ICE-STREWN BEASTS THAT DESTROYED OUR HOMES? THAT'S BECAUSE WE WELCOMED ***THOR,*** THE "GOD OF THUNDER," INTO OUR WORLD.

THERE'S A SAYING: "FOLLOW THE MONEY." WITH THESE ***TRAGEDIES,*** IT'S INSTEAD, "FOLLOW THE DESTRUCTION"...

...AND YOU'LL FIND IT LEADS BACK TO THESE "HEROES."

WE ALLOW THESE UNNATURAL MONSTERS IN CAPES AND BRIGHT COLORS ***FREE REIGN*** IN A CITY OF GOOD PEOPLE--PEOPLE TRYING TO LIVE THEIR LIVES.

AND WHEN WE DARE HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR CRIMES?

LIKE WITH THE MURDERER ***DAREDEVIL?***

THEY GET ***PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT,*** A ***SLAP ON THE WRIST...***

...AND THEN THEY'RE FREE TO GO. TO DO WHAT THEY'VE ALWAYS DONE:

WHATEVER THEY ***WANT.***

TERRORIZING. VIOLENCE. DESTRUCTION.

WELL, NO LONGER.

WE HERE IN ***NEW YORK CITY*** FEEL THAT ISN'T ENOUGH. OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS, I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH LAWMAKERS TO DRAFT ***THE POWERS ACT.***

RECENTLY, OUR FRIENDS AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL WISELY OUTLAWED UNSANCTIONED "SUPER HERO ACTIVITY" FOR THOSE UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE.

TO THOSE OF YOU OUT THERE WITH SUCH ABILITIES, I SAY THIS TO YOU:

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO EXHIBITS A USE OF POWERS DEEMED "SUPERHUMAN" OR COMMITS ACTS OF DESTRUCTIVE VIGILANTISM WILL BE CHARGED AS A THREAT.

YOU ARE NOT BETTER THAN US. NOT BETTER THAN THE HARDWORKING PEOPLE OF THIS CITY.

NOT BETTER THAN THE FINE MEN AND WOMEN WHO FIGHT OUR FIRES, WHO POLICE OUR STREETS, WHO MEND OUR SICK.

YOU WISH TO HELP SOCIETY?

BE A PART OF IT.

NOT ABOVE IT.

MAYOR FISK!

WILL THERE BE ***EXCEPTIONS*** TO THIS LAW?

THE ***MAYOR*** WILL BE TAKING QUESTIONS LATER.

FOR NOW, I'LL WALK YOU THROUGH WHAT'S BEEN RELAYED TO THE NYPD.

WILSON...ARE YOU SURE THIS IS A GOOD IDEA?

I DON'T MIND A GOOD FIGHT, BUT THEY'RE GOING TO COME FOR YOU...

MARY, MY DEAR...

...LET THEM.

--THE NEWS OUT OF CITY HALL: A SUPER HERO BAN.

WILL THE REST OF THE COUNTRY FOLLOW SUIT? NO COMMENT SO FAR FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, BUT WE'RE EXPECTING--

THE POWERS ACT.

--DOWN THIS ROAD BEFORE.

SUPER HEROES SERVE A PURPOSE AND HAVE SAVED NOT ONLY NEW YORKERS, BUT THE WORLD, MANY TIMES OVER.

THIS IS A DESPERATE MOVE FROM A GANGSTER MAYOR IN AN ELECTION YEAR.

TONY STARK, AVENGER.

--CALLED THUNDERBOLT UNITS, SPECIALIZED OFFICERS FOR HANDLING SUPERHUMAN THREATS.

COMMISSIONER KYLE SAYS THAT THERE ARE AVENUES FOR POWERED INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING OPPORTUNITIES IN ONE OF THESE UNITS--

--KNOW THEY SAVE PEOPLE, BUT THE MAYOR HAS A POINT ABOUT ALL THE ATTACKS.

AND DAREDEVIL MURDERED A MAN AND--WHAT--HE'S ALLOWED TO GO AROUND BEATING PEOPLE UP STILL?

NO PAIN NO GAIN

KRAKOA HAS NO INTEREST IN HUMAN LAWS.

ALL MUTANTS HAVE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY AS PER OUR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT, SO IT WOULD BE IN THE MAYOR'S BEST INTEREST TO LEAVE US BE.

INTERNATIONAL RESPONSES FLOOD IN.

--FIRST WAVE OF ARRESTS AS POWERED INDIVIDUALS IGNORE THE NEW LAWS.

THE QUESTION EVERYONE'S ASKING NOW IS, WILL THIS LEAD TO A PEACEFUL UNDERSTANDING--

ARRESTS BEGIN.

"--OR A POWER-FUELED ESCALATION?"

MOON KNIGHT, A.K.A. MARC SPECTOR, A.K.A....

...PROBABLY A BUNCH OF #$@%#& NAMES.

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST.

YOU WANT ME?

COME AND GET ME.

"IT'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT..."

...JUST HOLD ON!

HERE HE COMES!

I THINK ÷COUGH!÷ THINK THAT'S THE LAST OF THEM UP THERE...

SON, YOU'RE A GODSEND. I'D SAY YOU SHOULD CHECK IN WITH ONE OF THE *MEDICS* FOR YOUR *SMOKE INHALATION*...

...BUT YOU BETTER GO. NOW.

G-GEEZ... WAY TO MAKE A GUY FEEL WANTED-- *COUGH*---

DON'T EVEN *THINK*--

F.D.

--ABOUT IT.

HNH!

OFFICER...

...STEP AWAY FROM THE YOUNG MAN.

NOW.

YOU'RE UNDER *ARREST* TOO, CAPTAIN.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE *POWERS ACT.*

F.D.N.

IZHK

I KNOW YOU'RE JUST DOING YOUR *JOB*, BUT HE JUST *SAVED LIVES.*

HE'S A *CRIMINAL.* YOU'RE ALL *CRIMINALS.*

IF A LAW NEEDS TO BE *BROKEN* IN ORDER TO SAVE *LIVES,* I'LL DO IT EVERY TIME.

YOU MAY AS WELL ARREST US FOR *BREAKING AND ENTERING* THIS BURNING *BUILDING* INSTEAD OF USING "POWERS."

NHH... DON'T...

...MY FAMILY...YOU CAN'T...

TOK

TOK

HRG!

SPIDER-MAN--

--YOU *UP* FOR THIS?

C-CUFFS BLOCKING MY *POWERS*...

WELL, IT'S A GOOD THING *WE'RE* HERE...

...TO EVEN THE ODDS.

CALL IT *IN!* CALL IT-- *HN!*

WE'VE GOT *COMPANY!*

I HEAR MORE COMING AT *STREET LEVEL* TOO.

WE NEED TO *RETREAT*--

DONE AND *DONE.*

HUNDRED METERS STRAIGHT AHEAD, FIRST LEFT--THERE'S A DOOR ON THE RIGHT TO A *UTILITY ROOM.*

WE CAN LAY LOW THERE UNLESS I PICK UP ANY ACTIVITY.

ON IT.

MAN...IT'S *CRAZY* OUT THERE. I KNEW *FISK* AS MAYOR WAS GONNA BE BAD, BUT *THIS?*

THIS IS *WILD.* WHAT SET HIM *OFF?*

I...

...I DID.

THIS IS *MY* FAULT.

IT'S *NOT.* DON'T BE A *FOOL.*

HOW? WHAT HAPPENED?

MY IDENTITY, LIKE *YOURS,* IS A *SECRET...*

...BUT IT WASN'T *ALWAYS* THAT WAY.

THE *WORLD* KNEW WHO I WAS. AND...AND EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T *ASK* THEM TO...

...*ZEBEDIAH KILLGRAVE'S CHILDREN* MADE THE WORLD FORGET.

WAIT, "ZEBEDIAH"...

...THE PURPLE MAN? YOU MEAN HIS KIDS CAN MIND-CONTROL PEOPLE TOO?

THEY CAN. AND FISK...

...KNOWS SOMETHING IS WRONG. WITH HIS MIND. AND THAT IT'S MY FAULT.

I... I TAUNTED HIM WHEN HE CONFRONTED ME.

I COULD JUST TELL HIM WHO I AM AND MAYBE THIS WILL ALL STOP...

IT WON'T. WE KNEW WITH FISK IN POWER SOMETHING LIKE THIS COULD HAPPEN.

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, DAREDEVIL. AND YOU SACRIFICING YOURSELF ON HIS ALTAR WON'T CHANGE A THING.

HE HASN'T PUSHED THIS LAW THROUGH FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITY. IT'S HIS VENDETTA.

HE'S RISKING THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE WE'VE SWORN TO PROTECT.

I WOULDN'T DARE SPEAK FOR THE REST OF YOU...

...BUT I WON'T LET A TYRANT STOP ME FROM SAVING LIVES.

DON'T GIVE IN TO HIM, DAREDEVIL. NOT NOW, NOT EVER. BECAUSE ONCE YOU DO...

...HE'LL TAKE IT ALL.

WHO THE *HELL* DO YOU THINK YOU *ARE?*

I *TOLD* YOU, MRS. RICHARDS, WE'RE WITH *HOMELAND SECURITY,* AIDED BY THE NYPD.

WE HAVE REASON TO *BELIEVE* THE *BAXTER BUILDING* IS HARBORING WEAPONS OF *MASS DESTRUCTION...*

...AND WE'VE SECURED PERMISSION TO *INVESTIGATE* AND *SECURE* ANYTHING WE FIND.

APOLOGIES, AGENT VANCE...

...BUT I HAVE AN *ARRANGEMENT* WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO WORK *UNOBSTRUCTED* IN EXCHANGE FOR OUR SERVICE--

--TO THE COUNTRY--

WHAT THE *HELL?!*

TAK

TAK

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POWER DAMPENERS...

...A NECESSITY FOR THOSE SUCH AS YOURSELVES, WHO ARE...PRONE TO LASHING OUT.

OCTAVIUS!

SO YOU'VE THROWN IN WITH FISK? NEVER TOOK YOU FOR A SUBORDINATE, OTTO.

TO MY OWN END, RICHARDS.

I RECENTLY RECEIVED SOME VERY INTERESTING INFORMATION ON WHAT YOU HAVE COOKING IN THAT LAB OF YOURS.

THE GOVERNMENT WAS HAPPY TO LOOK THE OTHER WAY FOR YOUR "AGREEMENT"...

...BUT NOW THAT I'VE SHOWN THEM WHAT YOU HAVE-- WELL, THEY HAVE NO CHOICE...

...SO YOU'RE ALL COMING WITH ME.

HNH!

LIKE HELL WE ARE!

SUBDUE HER!

HNN!

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BDEEP

BEN! JOHNNY!

CODE X7! CODE X7! HURRY!

WH--? X7! FOR REAL?

AW, NUTS. THAT'S...

...BAD.

UNCLE BEN, WHAT'RE YOU--?

CALLIN' A CAB, KID. STAY CLOSE.

WHOA! WHO ARE--?

TURN AROUND! HANDS WHERE WE CAN--

AHH!

BUDDA BUDDA

CRK TNG

TOOM

SHOOTIN' AT KIDS?!

HNH!

HRN!

CRNCH

YER LUCKY I GOT RESPONSIBILITIES AND DON'T STICK AROUND TA CLOBBER YA SOME MORE!

HANG ON, GANG!

NF!

BAM!
CRASH!
...OUR RIDE'S HERE.
WHAT NOW?
WELL, IF THIS IS A FER REAL CODE X7...
DON'T YA WORRY, GUYS...
...WE GOTTA GO GET ALICIA N' THE RUGRATS...

"...'CAUSE THINGS ARE GONNA GET *ROUGH.*"

MORE ARRESTS?

YEAH... LOOKS LIKE MOON KNIGHT...

$#@% IS GETTIN' *REAL.* SHOULD WE EVEN BE *OUT,* JESS?

NO OFFENSE TO THE *OTHER* GUYS...

...BUT THIS IS WHY WE DON'T WEAR COSTUMES, RIGHT?

WE CAN TALK ABOUT LAYING LOW OUT OF THE *CITY* FOR A WHILE IF YOU-- WAIT, WHAT'S--?

SKA-

BOOM

LUKE!

AHH!

IT'S GONNA BE *OKAY,* JUST GIMME A *SECOND.*

I'LL GET YOU OUT OF THERE, DON'T WORRY...

THANKS FOR THE *ASSIST...*

...BUT THE *THUNDERBOLTS* GOT IT UNDER CONTROL.

NOW DO ME ANOTHER *FAVOR*--

--AND PUT THESE ON.

GO $#%@ YOURSELF, *SHOCKER.*

ALL RIGHT, THE *HARD WAY* THEN.

FSSHKH

NH!

WHAT THE *HELL* ARE YOU *DOING?!* PEOPLE ARE GETTING *HURT!*

THEN GO CALL THE *COPS.*

FZSHAAAA

OH, WAIT--

--I AM THE--

AHHH!

CRNCH

KZCHCK

THIS DOESN'T HAVE TO BE DIFFICULT.

HNH!

TOOM

SURE.

P-PLEASE...

YOU'VE GOT A BADGE NOW, SHOCKER, CONGRATS.

YOU JUST GRADUATED FROM TRASH--

TOOM

--TO OFFICIAL TRASH.

TARK TRIES

THIS ISN'T RIGHT.

WILSON FISK IS A GANGSTER AND A FOOL.

A BIG MAN WHO'S SMALL, WHO NEEDS TO SHOW HIS POWER. OVER ME, MY FRIENDS...

...AND YOU.

THIS ISN'T JUST ABOUT "SUPER HEROES." IT'S ABOUT A MAN WITH HIS GRIP ON ALL OF US.

HE MAKES IT SOUND LIKE IF HE LOOSENS IT, YOU'LL JUST GET IN TROUBLE. THE KIND OF TROUBLE THAT SHOWS HIM THAT IT'S ACTUALLY YOU WHO HAS THE POWER.

LAURA

LOOK, I'M NOT CAPTAIN AMERICA.

I'M NOT MR. FANTASTIC.

I'M JUST A NEW YORKER LIKE YOU. AND IF SOMEONE'S IN TROUBLE, I DO WHAT NEW YORKERS DO:

I HELP.

IF MAYOR FISK WANTS TO STOP ME...

"...HE CAN COME AND TRY."

BUTCH...?

...YOUR FIVE O'CLOCK IS HERE.

THANKS, TANYA. WE WON'T BE LONG.

YOU'RE THE *KINGPIN* NOW, BUTCH. AN ASSISTANT SHOULDN'T CALL YOU BY YOUR FIRST NAME. THERE NEEDS TO BE *DISTANCE* SO YOU CAN--

WHAT DO YOU WANT, "WILSON"?

I JUST... I SUPPOSE I WANT TO TALK.

I'VE SET THINGS IN MOTION. AND I WANTED YOU TO *KNOW* THAT I'M DOING IT FOR THE CITY, AND I'M...

...DOING IT FOR *YOU.*

BEING THE *KINGPIN* IS HARD. ELIMINATING "SUPER HEROES" WILL MAKE LIFE *EASIER* FOR YOU. SO YOU CAN *HOLD ON* TO WHAT YOU'VE *EARNED*...

...FOR YOU AND THOSE YOU LOVE.

PUT.
THAT.
DOWN.
OF COURSE.
I'M NOT HERE TO CAUSE DISTRESS. I JUST--
YOU'RE A *FOOL.*
"SUPER HEROES"? REALLY?
WHAT, AM I POINTING SPACE LASERS AT THE PLANET? TRYING TO *MIND-CONTROL* THE POPULATION?
YOU'RE AS *GARISH* AND *OUTDATED* AS *THEY* ARE.
I'M NOT *YOU*, "WILSON."
I'M NOT HERE TO BE GOADED INTO TRADING *PUNCHES* WITH *SPIDER-MEN.*
AND THEY'LL EAT YOU.
YOU'RE A *JOKE.* YOU CAN'T *HELP* BUT *POKE THE BEARS.*
THEY *WILL.* AND I'LL STILL *RUN THIS TOWN.*
NOW GET THE #$@% OUT.
I'VE GOT *REAL* MEETINGS TO TAKE.
THIS WILL HELP YOU.
I DON'T NEED YOU TO SEE THAT RIGHT NOW.
THE COMING MONTHS WILL DO THAT.
BE WELL... SON.

HOOOOOOLY... #$@%.

I CAN'T BELIEVE *YOUR DAD* DIDN'T *MURDER* YOU, MAN!

HE USED EVERYTHING HE HAD TO BRING BACK HIS *OTHER* SON, *RICHARD...**

...I FIGURED HE'D AT LEAST LEAVE ME *ALIVE*, MIKE.

**SEE GIANT-SIZE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: KING'S RANSOM #1 --ED*

LOOK...I'M STILL NOT...NOT COOL WITH WHAT YOU DID TO YOUR *PREDECESSOR.***

WE HAD A *RULE*, BUTCHIE. *NO KILLING.*

BUT... YOU REALLY DID IT, MAN.

***IN DAREDEVIL #36 --ED*

WORKED YOUR WAY UP FROM BEING *THE OWL'S* FLUNKY TO *THE KINGPIN OF CRIME.*

COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT *YOU*, "MATT MURDOCK."

LOOKING LIKE MY EX-D.A. BROTHER *DEFINITELY* COMES IN HANDY SOMETIMES.

AND HEY, NOT FOR NOTHING, I DON'T THINK YOUR *ABSENTEE FATHER* IS *WRONG*...

...GETTING RID OF THOSE *POWERED* GUYS WILL MAKE OUR LIVES *EASIER.*

YEAH. WE JUST NEED TO MAKE SURE *FISK* WINS THIS ELECTION.

'CAUSE IF HE DOESN'T HAVE *THAT*...

...HE MAY COME FOR HIS *OLD JOB.*

WELL, SO FAR, HE'S LIKE YOU AND ME, PAL...

"...RUNNING UNOPPOSED."

STUPID, STUPID!

YOU HAD TO MAKE IT A THING WITH A #$@%& SPEECH!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THE COPS AREN'T HERE ALREADY!

I'M NOT SORRY, JESS. PEOPLE NEEDED TO HEAR IT.

-SIGH- I KNOW.

LET'S JUST GET OUT OF TOWN WITH DANI AND FIGURE OUT OUR NEXT STEPS...

...THEN...

WE GOTTA STOP HIM.

TONY? WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE, MAN?

IF YOU'RE LYING LOW, MAYBE YOU SHOULD HAVE PICKED A DIFFERENT CAR, DUDE.

WE'VE GOT TO TAKE DOWN FISK.

SURE. BUT HOW? I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I'M NOT TOO KEEN ON OVERTHROWING DEMOCRACY.

WHICH MEANS WE HAVE TO DO IT LEGITIMATELY.

THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY. WITH A TON OF MONEY...

...AND A CANDIDATE.

I'M GOING TO RUN FOR MAYOR.

"IT'S PERFECT."

RICHARDS' LAB, IT'S...EVERYTHING I COULD EVER HAVE *HOPED* FOR, WILSON.

I'M GLAD, OTTO. I'VE UPHELD MY PART OF OUR BARGAIN...

...NOW I NEED *YOU* TO USE WHAT YOU'VE *GATHERED* THERE TO *ASSIST* ME.

THE *PACKAGE* HAS ARRIVED.

IT TRULY HAS...

LET ME *OUT!* DAMN YOU ALL! LET ME *OUT!*

LEAVE US *BE*, GENTLEMEN.

BUT SIR, HE--

THAT WILL BE ALL.

FISK, I SHOULD HAVE *KNOWN*.

PULLING ME OUT OF *PRISON*?

MY *LAWYER'S* GOING TO HAVE A *FIELD DAY* WITH--

ZEBEDIAH, DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS *IS?*

IT'S *POWER.*

IT'S A COMMON MISCONCEPTION, BUT MY ASCENSION WAS NEVER ABOUT MY *FISTS,* MY *STRENGTH OF BODY.*

IT WAS ABOUT *KNOWING* THINGS. HAVING PEOPLE BRING ME *SECRETS.*

OVER THE PAST DECADE I'VE AMASSED FILES ON ANYONE WHO *MATTERED.* FRIENDS AND RIVALS. FROM THOSE AT THE TOP TO THE YOUNG SCRAPPERS WHO DARED FLEX.

SECRET IDENTITIES, FORBIDDEN TRYSTS, COVER-UPS AND LOVED ONES.

AND NOW I'M *USING* THEM ALL. PRACTICALLY *GIVING* THEM AWAY.

BECAUSE I'M IN MY *ENDGAME.*

THE FUNNY THING ABOUT *YOUR* FILE, ZEBEDIAH...

...IS THAT THERE'S NOTHING IN IT TO USE *AGAINST* YOU.

YOUR *CHILDREN* WANT YOU DEAD. YOU *HAVE* NO LOVED ONES.

YOU HAVE NOTHING.

#$@% YOU, FISK...

...I DON'T *NEED* ANYONE. EVERYONE DOES WHAT I *WANT.*

OPEN THIS THING *UP* AND I'LL *SHOW* YOU, YOU $#@$.

THERRRRE WE GO. NOW DO ME A *FAVOR,* BIG BOY...

...AND KILL YOURSELF-- GK!

NOW, NOW, ZEBEDIAH, YOU KNOW YOUR MIND CONTROL DOESN'T WORK ON ME.

MY WILL IS TOO STRONG.

"BUT IT DOES WORK ON *OTHERS*, DOESN'T IT?

"WHAT A *GIFT*."

WHAT A *SQUANDERED* GIFT.

PERHAPS IT'S TIME SOMEONE MORE *WORTHY* POSSESSED IT...

"...FOR A BETTER WORLD."

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PART 2

THE **DEVIL'S REIGN** CONTINUES IN THESE NEXT EPIC INSTALLMENTS:

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ON SALE
IN DECEMBER

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